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Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Subsequent to the Notice of Allowance dated September 27, 2004 (Paper No. 09202004), and simultaneously with the payment of the issue fee, which is being submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above application, without prejudice, as follows: